

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of creating a flooring surface [a photographic flooring decor in an interior of a commercial setting] comprising the steps of:

providing a [photographic] floor tile comprising [wherein said photographic floor tile is comprised of a] an enlarged photographic print and a transparent [clear] protective coating attached to [over] said photographic print, said protective coating defining a barrier to prevent to injury to said photographic print from foot traffic and other objects passing over said floor tile;

affixing said [photographic] floor tile to a floor [of a commercial setting] to create said flooring surface [a visually appealing flooring decor].

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said enlarged photographic print comprises [is] a photograph of an object, and [wherein] said photographic print [photograph] has been enlarged sufficiently to create a substantially full scale, full size [life-like] simulation of said object.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said enlarged photographic print comprises [is] a photograph of an object, and [wherein] said photograph has been enlarged sufficiently to create a substantially larger than full scale, full size [life size] simulation of said object.

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4. (Amended) A floor [photographic] tile for use as a flooring surface [in commercial settings] comprising:

an enlarged photographic print having oppositely disposed first and second major faces; and

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a transparent [clear] protective coating on said first major face, said protective coating defining a barrier to prevent injury to said photographic print from foot traffic and other objects passing over said floor tile [providing a barrier on said photographic print].

5 10. (Amended) The [photographic] floor tile of claim 7⁴ [claim 8], wherein said transparent [clear] protective coating comprises vinyl.

6 11. (Amended) The [photographic] floor tile of claim 10⁵, wherein said protective coating has a thickness of about 5 millimeters [clear vinyl protective coating is five mils thick or greater].

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A 7 12. (Amended) The [photographic] floor tile of claim 7⁴ [claim 8] further comprising:

an adhesive disposed on [permanently secured to] at least a portion of said second major face and adapted to secure said second major face to a floor; and

a backing [protective] liner covering said adhesive and removeable therefrom to permit said adhesive to be affixed to said floor.

8 13. (Amended) The [photographic] floor tile of claim 7⁴ [claim 8], wherein said photographic print is a photograph of an object, and [wherein] said photographic print has been enlarged sufficiently to create a substantially full size, full scale [life-like] simulation of said object.

9 14. (Amended) The [photographic] floor tile of claim 12⁷, wherein said photographic print is a photograph of an object, and [wherein] said photographic print has been enlarged sufficiently to create a substantially full size, full scale [life-like] simulation of said object.

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15. (Amended) The [photographic] floor tile of claim 7⁴
[claim 8], wherein said photographic print is a photograph of an
object, and [wherein] said photographic print has been enlarged
sufficiently to create a substantially larger than full size, full
scale [life size] simulation of said object.

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16. (Amended) A flooring surface [decorative
photographic commercial flooring display] comprising:

[a floor of a commercial setting; and a photographic
floor tile, comprising:]

an enlarged photographic print having oppositely disposed
first and second major faces;

a transparent [clear] protective coating on said first
major face defining a barrier to prevent injury to said
photographic print from foot traffic and other objects passing over
said photographic print [providing a barrier on said photographic
print]; and

wherein one or more of said photographic prints [tiles]
is securely affixed to a floor to create said flooring surface
[said floor of said commercial or retail setting].

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17. (Amended) The flooring surface [display] of claim
16, wherein said photographic print is a photograph of an object,
and [wherein] said photographic print has been enlarged
sufficiently to create a substantially full size, full scale [life-
like] simulation of said object.

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18. (Amended) The flooring surface [display] of claim
16, wherein said photographic print is a photograph of an object,
and [wherein] said photographic print has been enlarged
sufficiently to create a substantially larger than full size, full
scale [life size] simulation of said object.

11/ 14/ 19. (Amended) The flooring surface [display] of claim 16, wherein said flooring surface comprises a plurality of said photographic prints [floor tiles are] affixed to said floor in combination to create a visually appealing pattern.

11/ 15/ 20. (Amended) The flooring surface [display] of claim 16, wherein said flooring surface comprises a plurality of said photographic prints [floor tiles are] affixed to said floor in combination to create a simulation of an object [single image].

[Please add claims 21-31 as follows:]

16/ 21. The method of claim 1 wherein said photographic print comprises plastic print material to provide for enhanced durability of the floor tile.

17/ 22. The method of claim 1 wherein said photographic print comprises polyester-based print material with a thickness of about 9 millimeters.

18/ 23. The floor tile of claim 7 wherein said photographic print comprises plastic print material to provide for enhanced durability of the floor tile.

19/ 24. The floor tile of claim 7 wherein said photographic print comprises polyester-based print material with a thickness of about 9 millimeters.

20/ 25. The floor tile of claim 7 wherein one or more of said floor tiles are affixed to a floor to define said flooring surface.

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26. A floor tile for use as a flooring surface comprising:

an enlarged graphic print of photographic quality having oppositely disposed first and second major faces; and

a transparent protective coating on said first major face defining a barrier to prevent injury to said photographic print from foot traffic and other objects passing over said floor tile.

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27. The floor tile of claim 26 further comprising:

an adhesive disposed on at least a portion of said second major face and adapted to secure said second major face to a floor;

and a backing liner covering said adhesive and removeable therefrom to permit said adhesive to be affixed to said floor.

28. The floor tile of claim 26, wherein said print depicts an object, and said print has been enlarged sufficiently to create a substantially full size, full scale simulation of said object.

29. The floor tile of claim 26, wherein said print depicts an object, and said print has been enlarged sufficiently to create a substantially larger than full size, full scale simulation of said object.

30. The floor tile of claim 26 wherein one or more of said floor tiles are affixed to a floor in combination to define said flooring surface.

31. The floor tile of claim 26 wherein said protective coating comprises vinyl.